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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV PFOR WB GW GE UR US
SUBJECT: UN WATER CONFERENCE: SOVIET/EAST EUROPEAN
PROTEST ON BERLIN

REFS: (A) MAR DEL PLATA 73; (B) STATE 64749;
(C) MAR DEL PLATA 68; (D) STATE 61928;
(E) BONN 4739; (F) ANDERSON (EUR/CE -
GERMAN (BONN) TELECON 3/24/77

1. IN MARCH 24 MEETING, BONN GROUP AGREED ON A RESPONSE
TO THE SOVIET/EAST EUROPEAN PROTEST REPORTED IN REF (C).
THE LANGUAGE IN THE RESPONSE IS DRAWN FROM THE
CONTINGENCY PLAN CONTAINED IN REF (E) AND APPROVED BY
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THE DEPARTMENT IN REF (D). AS THE LANGUAGE IN THE
CONTINGENCY PLAN HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY ALL
FOUR GOVERNMENTS, THE RESPONSE MAY BE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY
BY DELEGATIONS AT THE CONFERENCE AFTER COORDINATION
AMONG THEMSELVES. NO FURTHER REFERENCE TO CAPITALS IS
REQUIRED BY ANY OF THE FOUR.

2. THE ALLIED RESPONSE SHOULD BE MADE IN THE FORM OF A LETTER SIGNED BY THE HEADS OF THE THREE ALLIED DELEGATIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. BEGIN TEXT

A. ON BEHALF OF THE DELEGATIONS OF FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES, WE WISH TO REFER TO THE LETTER OF MARCH 22 FROM THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE AND TO POINT OUT THE FOLLOWING:

B. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY AND THE FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICE IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN WAS APPROVED BY THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ACTING ON THE BASIS OF THEIR SUPREME AUTHORITY. THESE AUTHORITIES ARE SATISFIED THAT THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY AND THE FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICE DO NOT PERFORM IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN ACTS IN EXERCISE OF DIRECT STATE AUTHORITY OVER THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN. NEITHER THE LOCATION NOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THOSE INSTITUTIONS IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN, THEREFORE, CONTRAVENE ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT.

C. THE STATEMENT BY THE SOVIET DELEGATE CONTAINS A MISLEADING REFERENCE TO THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. THE RELEVANT PASSAGE OF THE AGREEMENT TO WHICH THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE REFERRED PROVIDES THAT THE TIES

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BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WILL BE MAINTAINED AND DEVELOPED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THESE SECTORS CONTINUE NOT TO BE A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND NOT TO BE GOVERNED BY IT.

D. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THERE CAN BE NO REASON TO EXCLUDE MENTION OF THESE OFFICES FROM OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE.

E. REGARDING COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, WE WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT STATES WHICH ARE NOT PARTIES TO THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT ARE NOT COMPETENT TO COMMENT AUTHORITATIVELY ON ITS PROVISIONS.

F. IN CONCLUSION, WE SHOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT THIS LETTER BE APPROPRIATELY REFLECTED IN THE DOCUMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE.

END TEXT.

4. THE FRG RESPONSE WILL CONSIST OF A SEPARATE LETTER

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FROM THE HEAD OF THE FRG CONFERENCE DELEGATION TO
THE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN.

BEGIN TEXT

A. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
GERMANY SHARES THE PROVISIONS SET OUT IN THE
DECLARATION OF THE DELEGATIONS OF THE THREE POWERS.

B. IT REGRETS THE ATTEMPTS OF (BLANK) TO
INTERFERE WITH THE MENTIONING IN OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

OF THIS ORGANIZATION OF INSTITUTIONS WHICH ARE
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INCLUDED IN THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE FRG TO THE
WORK OF THIS ORGANIZATIONS.

C. MOREOVER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS OF THE VIEW
THAT IT IS THE TASK OF THIS CONFERENCE TO PROMOTE
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF (BLANK) AND
NOT TO DISCUSS POLITICAL MATTERS WHICH ARE BEYOND THE
SCOPE OF THIS ORGANIZATION. MY GOVERNMENT THEREFORE
REGRETS THAT THE COOPERATION WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THIS CONFERENCE IS HAMPERED BY SUCH
POLITICALLY MOTIVATED DECLARATIONS.

END TEXT

5. ALL REPS AGREED THAT THEY WOULD TRY THEIR UTMOST
TO COMMUNICATE THESE TEXTS TO THEIR DELEGATIONS
AT THE CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, THEY REALIZED THAT ONE
OR MORE OF THEM MIGHT NOT SUCCEED IN DOING SO. BRITISH
AND FRENCH REPS PARTICULARLY MENTIONED THEIR DOUBTS
ABOUT BEING ABLE TO GET THROUGH TO THEIR DELEGATIONS.
NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE REPLY SHOULD BE
ISSUED AT ONCE.

6. IF NECESSARY, USDEL MAY FEEL CONFIDENT IN
ASSURING BRITISH AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES THAT THE
LANGUAGE OF THE AGREED REPLY IS DRAWN FROM CONTINGENCY
GUIDANCE ALREADY APPROVED IN LONDON AND PARIS FOR
USE ON SUCH OCCASIONS. CONTRARY TO NORMAL PRACTICE,
THE FRG BONN GROUP REP HAD APPARENTLY NOT RECEIVED
ADVANCE NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION OF BERLINERS IN THIS
PARTICULAR CONFERENCE AND ALLIED DELEGATIONS WERE THUS
NOT ARMED IN ADVANCE WITH CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE.
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